

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268

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In the Matter of:

Flower Post Office IA 50573  
Post Office State ZIP Code

POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
Docket No: A2012-92

Darla Johnson, Petitioner(s)

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Flower post office. The Final Determination was posted Dec. 9, 2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

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To the Postal Regulatory Commission

I have a few comments to make now after your letter and guide lines that I received on Jan. 9, 2012.

For the last 14 (fourteen) years we have been looked over or discriminated against for getting a Post Master into our office. When other Post Offices were opened up to get Post Master's ours was ignored. Prior to that time (of 14 years ago) we had always had a Post Master here at our office. We were placed on the closure list because of no Post Master. I understand postal regulations state if a situation has been tolerated for a long time, it is probably not a reason to suspend service at a post office. Why is it a problem now when it was not a problem before? Then with the closure put out there we had our hours cut from 7 hrs a day to 2 and a half hrs a day. How does this fit into sales and revenue that they claim they are losing? The Federal government is spending an enormous amount of taxpayer's money trying to create jobs. Why is the Postal Service trying to cut back and/or eliminate such an important business/service?

As far as the Plover Public Library goes in sending out books to other Library's I know after talking to the rural driver I can do it but it is also going to be a lot harder to send cash and get change and a receipt back that I need. Other wise I drive to do this and winter driving and me don't get along real well as I stated in my last appeal.

My last comment doesn't really fit into any of the laws but our Post Office is a meeting place for our community and also provides bulletin board space for us to post notices of community activities and serves many other functions. When the post office closes, the town dies. Clearly, the post office is a vital communication center and can provide guidance and information for America's rural population. Our building is well maintained and handicapped acceptable already. In our small town we all help each other.

Thank You,  
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